

GEN. SHERIDAN IN 1864

HOW HE FLED HIS ARMY IN A VALLEY OF DESOLATION

Thrilling Memories of the Shenandoah Campaign, as Told by the Soldier's Companion, the Doughty Little Soldier's Devotion to His Clay Pipe—Available to His Subordinates, Feroce Toward His Foes.

The three generals of cavalry, Sheridan, Custer and Torbert, who came together for the first time when Grant removed Hunter and placed Sheridan in command of the Army of the Shenandoah, formed a striking contrast. Sheridan was entirely devoid of any personal vanity, and, metaphorically speaking, always had his gun, shot and decked cleared for action. He was always seen in regulation uniform, and attending to the business in hand with an earnestness and blunt directness that sometimes proved rather embarrassing to his subordinates.

Custer, on the other hand, was always seen wearing a jacket of black velvet over which his long hair fell to his shoulders from beneath a broad brim, low crowned hat, which he wore occasionally replaced by a jaunty cap made of the same material as his jacket.

Torbert was the most picturesque of the three. He was a tall, well built man, remarkably handsome, in the typical Italian build style. He usually rode a tall, high stepping, showy looking thoroughbred. He was often seen riding along the passes of the Shenandoah, a black velvet blouse, white corset and morocco boots drawn up to his thighs. A broad brimmed hat, with a white ostrich plume, together with a shawl of crimson silk around his waist, gave him the appearance of a knight in armor, and he was as white as his horse's coat when he rode through the valley.

It is the time Sheridan took command of the Shenandoah valley and every road was covered several inches deep with dust which the passing of his army and teams caused to rise in clouds as dense as to be absolutely stifling. The dust also made the work of a unit, form, and officers, when on the march, in the habit of wearing long linen trousers. Sheridan had been in the valley less than a week when he issued an order prohibiting their use, saying as he did so he made their trousers look like a lot of butchers attending a target excursion.

No act of Sheridan's excited more comment than his order to the Shenandoah valley so that early would not be able to feed his troops without carrying his supplies of food and forage along with him. Sheridan's idea was as simple as to render it necessary for a crowd of people to carry their food and forage with them. The Shenandoah valley had been fought over for many years, and the result being of course, that the troops had to fall back.

As showing the order to which they were sometimes reduced it may be mentioned that the writer on one occasion, after Mosby had captured a small party of Union soldiers, was taken to a large farm house, where he was held for twenty-four hours, and that other members of General Wright's staff were in an equally bad way. It is said that the time of the officers did not have anything to eat for forty-eight hours except a few scraps of green corn, which were given to them by the farmers through the fields. Men and horses were always in a bad way after each of these advances, and the writer was required to get them in proper condition before they were again able to move up the valley.

General Sheridan determined that if he could not get at Early, Early should not be able to get at him. He sent a detachment of his army to burn the towns and threaten Washington and Baltimore as he had done during the early part of July, 1864, and for the purpose of the upper part of the valley.

On his first advance up the valley he was obliged to leave a detachment of his army to return to Harper's Ferry in consequence of Mosby having destroyed a supply train that was carrying provisions for the army of about 200 men, when that took place the troops were on Cedar Creek where the famous battle was fought. The result was that the army carried along were eaten and neither food nor forage could be begged, bought or looked for. A detachment of Union men discovered a lot of hay, which they quickly appropriated, and among these fortunate enough to get a small quantity was the writer, who afterwards divided it with General Ricketts, commanding the Third Division of the Sixth Corps, who was then without forage for nearly twenty-four hours. When a scout came in with the news that Mosby's army was in the neighborhood, the train orders were immediately issued for the army to again fall back.

The march commenced shortly after sunset. Rebel signal torches were waving on the summits of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the army was led by Breckenridge, was within about thirty miles of the front. The cavalry and artillery were in the rear, and the main body of the army was in the front. A general order was issued impressing on the men the necessity of keeping the strictest silence and muffling their arms and equipments to prevent any jingling. Gen. Penrose was left behind by the army, and the main body of the army was in the front. The army was in the front, and the main body of the army was in the front.

Such was General Sheridan's first experience in the valley, and he immediately organized what was known as the "Provisional Division," a body of 3,500 men, under command of Colonel Fretton. It is said that he was to be a body of 3,500 men, under command of Colonel Fretton. It is said that he was to be a body of 3,500 men, under command of Colonel Fretton.

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HOW THEY ORGANIZED

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Gen. Sheridan's mother says that no one recommended her son for the West. She was a mother of a brilliant son, and after several applicants had been examined and failed Sheridan wrote to Gen. Thomas Ricketts, the Commissioner of the West, and secured his appointment, passing the examination successfully.

Sheridan was first sent to Texas from West Point and served in that State for two years. He was then detailed to California and served in the army of the West. He was then detailed to California and served in the army of the West.

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